

Catch the Reading Bug!

THE VERY UGLY BUG—LIZ PICHON

THE PERFECT PET-MARGIE PALANTI

HOW MANY BUGS IN A BOX—DAVID CARTER

BUZZY THE BUMBLE BEE—DENISE BRENNAN-NELSON

HEY, LITTLE ANT-PHILIP HOOSE

I LOVE BUGS!- PHILEMON STURGES

THE EVERYTHING KIDS' BUGS BOOK-KATHI WAGNER

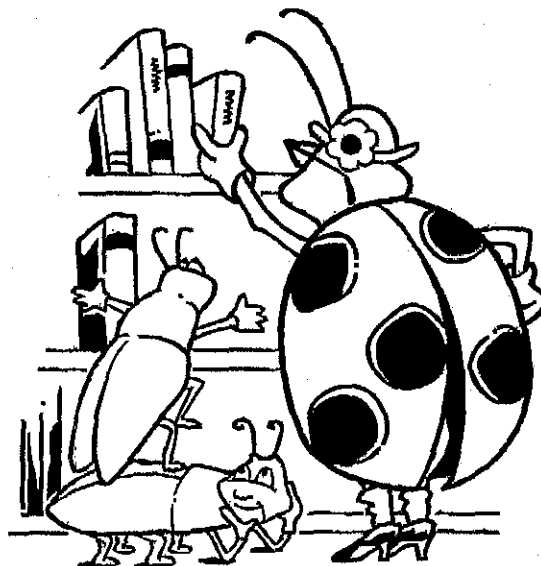
PETS IN A JAR- BY SEYMOUR SIMON

PET BUGS- BY SALLY KNEIDEL

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS- PAM SCHILLER

MAN EATING BUGS- BY PETER MENZEL

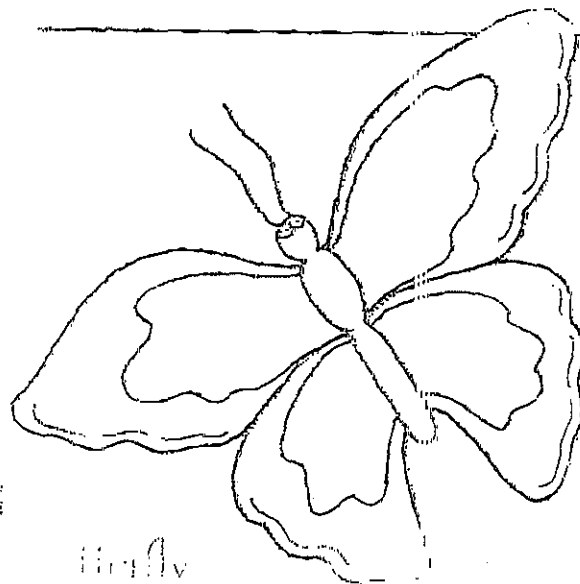
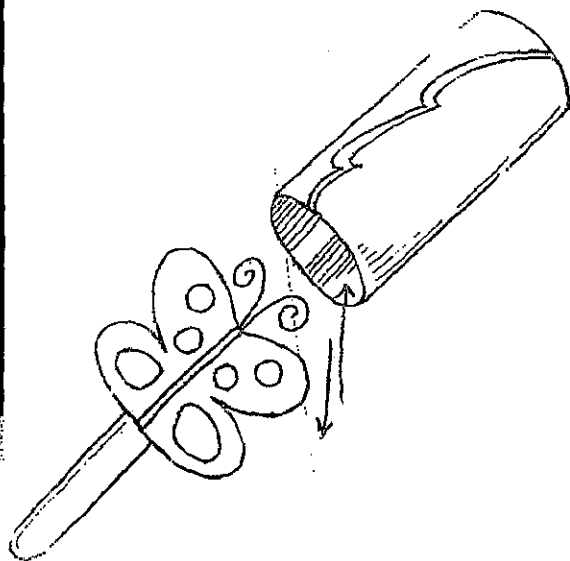
INSECTS DRAW & COLOR-DIANE FISHER



LITTLE CATERPILLAR

Have children color and cut out the butterfly, I used card stock, glue or tape butterfly to craft stick.

For the chrysalis you can use a toilet tissue tube painted green or tape green paper around it. I used green card stock, rolled and stapled together. Curl the butterflies' wings and slide into the chrysalis. Pull the stick and make a beautiful butterfly come out of its chrysalis. Fly the butterfly like a real one.



Games

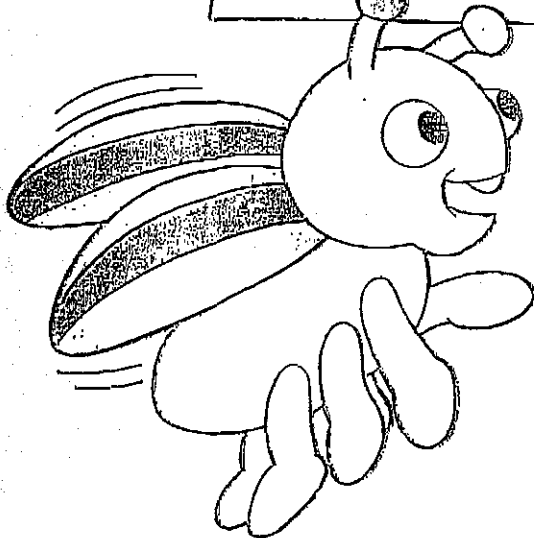
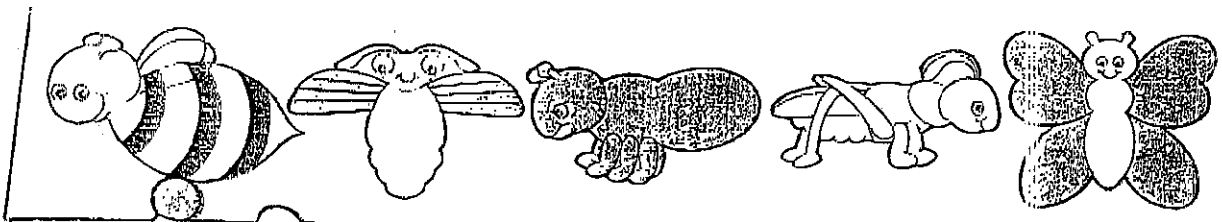
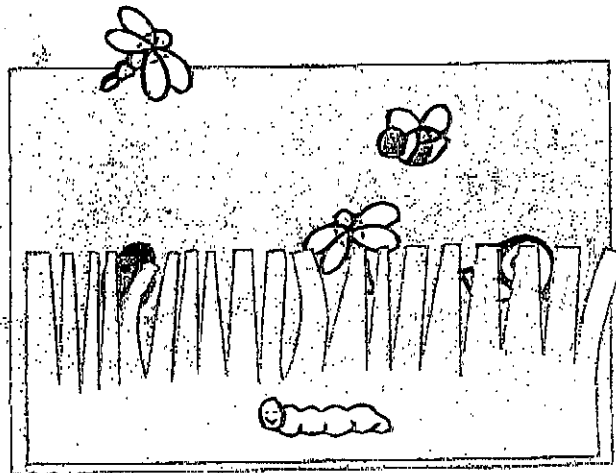
- 1. Have a cocoon-wrapping contest. Ask the children to select a partner. Give each team a roll of toilet paper. Ask them to decide who is going to be the caterpillar and who is going to be the wrapper. Say "Go!" and see who can wrap up the caterpillar first.

2. *See the caterpillar in the chrysalis* - For some children, this game might be frightening. To demonstrate how it is done, you should be the first cocoon and let the children wrap you. This would be a good collaboration activity, once children realize it is fun and that it will not hurt them.

In the Tall, Tall Grass

Youngsters will go buggy when you share *In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming! After reading the book, have little ones craft their own lawns full of creepy-crawlies. Cut sheets of green paper in half lengthwise; then give a half sheet to each child, along with a pair of scissors. Have him snip from one long edge toward the other to fringe the paper and make it resemble grass. Then help him glue the uncut edge to a whole sheet of green construction paper. Next, give him some bug stickers to "hide" among the blades of green grass. Is that a grasshopper I see in there?

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Don't Get It to Beddy

Rhyme

Color and cut out a copy of each of the bug patterns on pages 7–9. Gather youngsters in a circle and then place a piece of felt on the floor so it resembles a rug. Lead youngsters in performing the chant shown, having them help you move the props and complete the actions as indicated. ☐

Five little bugs are sitting on a rug.
One is the bee. Buzz, buzz, buzz!
Two is the firefly. Blink, blink, blink!
Three is the ant. Work, work, work!
Four is the grasshopper. Hop, hop, hop!
Five is the butterfly. Flap, flap, flap!
Now five bugs are snug,

Show five fingers.
Place the bee on the rug.
Place the firefly on the rug.
Place the ant on the rug.
Place the grasshopper on the rug.
Place the butterfly on the rug.
Roll up the rug and bugs.



Old Black Fly

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Illustrated by Stephen Gammell

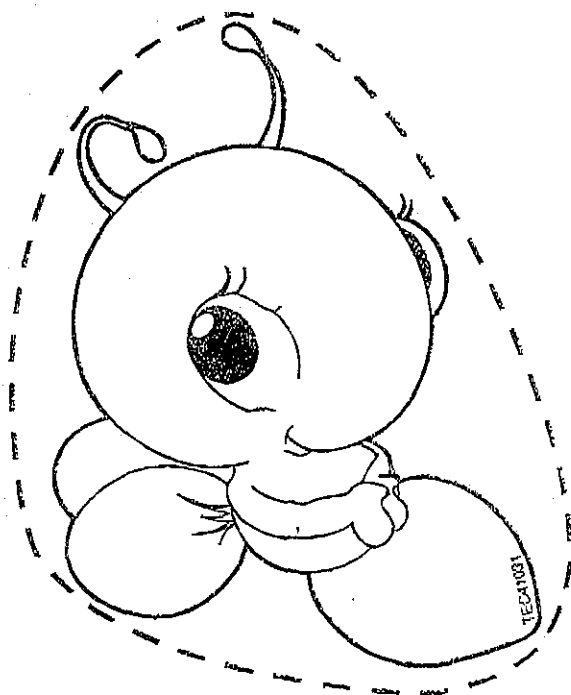
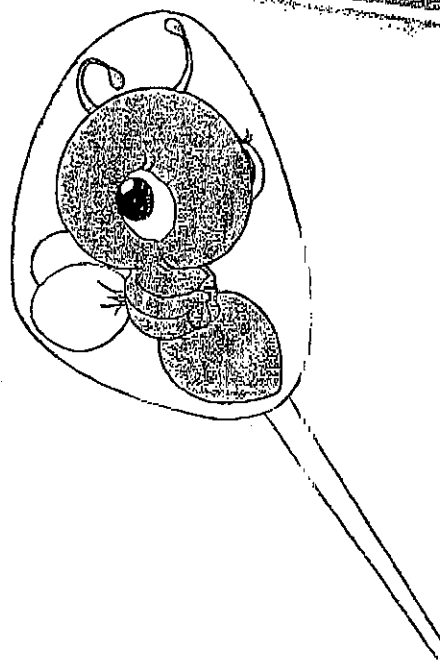
*An old black fly leaves a trail of disaster
as he whizzes through the house and the
letters of the alphabet!*

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Before You Read

Prepare your own version of an annoying fly by gluing a fly cutout (patterns on page 12) to a ruler or wooden dowel rod. As students sing the alphabet song, "fly" the pesky critter around the room, making buzzing sounds and tapping little ones on their shoulders. Then have youngsters tell how the fly bothered them during the song. Finally, invite youngsters to settle in for a read-aloud that involves the alphabet and another pesky fly. 🐝



Shoo, fly, don't bother me
Shoo, fly, don't bother me
Shoo, fly, don't bother me
For I belong to somebody.

